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May 19, 1980

John Rosenbaum, Esq.
Elyria City Prosecutor
City Hall
Broad Street
Elyria, OH 44035

Re: Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc.

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

I have asked Mr. James Freeman, President of Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc., to respond to the points raised in Mr. Bartha's letter of May 7, 1980. A copy of Mr. Freeman's response is enclosed herewith for your consideration. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

David C. Long

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Enclosure

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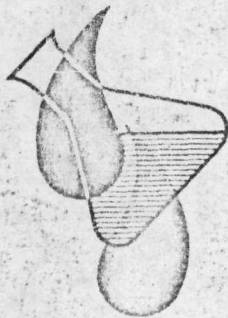
Mr. James Freeman

CHEMICAL RECOVERY SYSTEMS, INC.

36345 VAN BORN ROAD
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174
PHONE (313) 326-3100

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P. O. BOX 375
ELYRIA, OHIO 44035
PHONE (216) 323-3275



May 13, 1980

David C. Long Co., L.P.A.
Executive Building
300 Fourth Street
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Dear David:

The following is a summary of the steps taken in an effort to comply with the requirements set forth by the City of Elyria.

We have disposed of approximately 73,500 gallons of waste materials which were left over 'inherited' from the Obitts Chemical Company.

Approximately 16,400 gallons of Isopropanol has been sold at a discounted price to help alleviate drum storage on the property.

We have an estimated 2,000 drums with 5 - 10# of paint sludge in the bottom. The salvable material has been pumped from these drums, processed and removed from the property. We are looking for a renovator who can handle drums of this type. Our best possibility is a drum company in Pennsylvania who is now installing equipment to enable them to handle this type of disposal problem. Another option would be to send them to an incinerator at a cost of \$30.00 per drum. Needless to say, the cost factor involved in this is prohibitive.

We feel the chain link fence has been properly installed to keep unauthorized personnel from entering the plant.

The plans for the tank farm were submitted and rejected. We feel that further detailing of the plans would be futile. Harshaw Chemical has expressed an interest in the property and a \$60,000. - \$80,000.00 expenditure to install a tank farm would be in poor judgement at this time.

Two loads of rubbish and debris have been removed from the property.

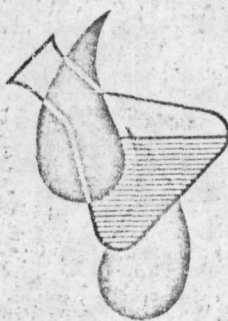
In the past few months we have observed a large amount of inefficiency and general lack of interest in most of our employees.

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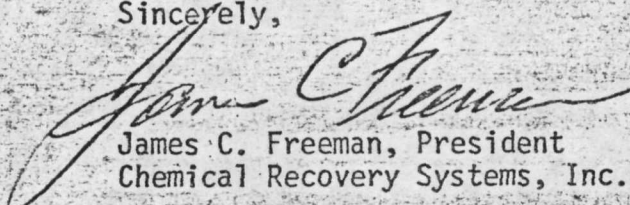
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We feel that this atmosphere has been created by the uncertainty of employment due to unofficial publicity, rumors, etc. caused by the frequent visits from city, state and federal government officials.

Sincerely,


James C. Freeman, President
Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc.

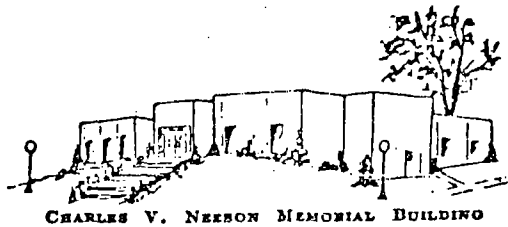
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ELYRIA CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

N. BARTONE, M.D.

Commissioner

Medical Director



ERNEST G. BARTHA
Commissioner

May 7, 1980

Chemical Recovery Systems, Inc.
P.O. Box 375
Elyria, Ohio 44035

ATTN: Jim Freeman

Dear Mr. Freeman:

An inspection of Chemical Recovery Systems' premises was conducted on April 24, 1980 by Inspector Vince Howard of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Greg Worcester and myself of the Health Department accompanied by Robert Spears.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine the progress made to date by Chemical Recovery Systems in meeting the requirements of the Agreement between you, Mr. David C. Long, Counsel for Chemical Recovery and City Prosecutor John Rosenbaum on November 16, 1979 in response to violations of health and safety regulations.

The court agreement required Chemical Recovery to:

1. Conduct a general cleanup of the premises within 30 days (remove rubbish, debris, and junk).
2. Install a chain link fence within 30 days except along the river border.
3. Submit detailed plans of the tank farm.
4. Reduce drum inventory to 2000 or less within 6 months.
5. Remove all leaking drums by March 1, 1980.


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The inspection today showed that:

1. A chain link fence has been installed but a portion of the premises south of the office is not fenced to keep out unauthorized personnel.
2. All debris, rubbish and junk has not been removed as ordered.
3. Detailed plans of the tank farm has not been received.
4. Reduction of drums to 2000 is apparently not progressing satisfactorily in order to meet the 6 month time limit.
5. All leaking drums have not been removed.
6. Drums are stored in a hazardous manner.
7. Spills were noted on the property which could flow to the river during rain.
8. The boom in the river is not being maintained properly.

It is to be noted that the requirements of the November 16, 1979 agreement have not been met as of this date.

Sincerely yours,


Ernest G. Bartha
Health Commissioner

CC: Mayor Michael B. Keys
Charles R. Hoagland, Safety-Service Director
Lonny Shippy, City Engineer
Vince Howard, Elyria Fire Prevention Bureau
✓ David Long, Attorney
John Rosenbaum, City Prosecutor

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